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TENNESSEE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION
COMMISSIONER, DALE KELLEY RECORDS
1985-1986
RG 292

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RECORD GROUP 292

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MICROFILM ONLY

INTRODUCTION

Record Group 292 contains the records of Commissioner Dale Kelley, Tennessee Department of Transportation, from 1985 to 1986. The collection consists of correspondence and reports from 1986 with some records from 1985, usually in the form of attachments.

The records contained in Record Group 292 came to the Tennessee State Library and Archives from the State Records Center. The final disposition of the collection was determined by the Records Disposition Authorization (RDA) process. In accordance with RDA S590, all the material in Record Group 292 has been microfilmed and the originals were disposed of by state approved method.

Confidential records and duplicates were removed during processing reducing the collection from 8 to 5 cubic feet before microfilming.

For further information on the Tennessee Department of Transportation researchers should consult Record Group 17, Highway Maps, City and County, State of Tennessee, 1939 to present; Record Group 33, Tennessee Aeronautics Commission, 1939-1963; Record Group 39, Mississippi River Bridge at Memphis, 1939-1951; Record Group 84, Highways and Public Works, Department of Records, 1913-1972; and Record Group 207, Bridge Inspection Reports, 1972-1987.

SCOPE & CONTENT

Record Group 292 contains the records of Commissioner Dale Kelley, Tennessee Department of Transportation, from 1985 to 1986. The collection consists of correspondence and reports from 1986 with some records from 1985, usually in the form of attachments to other documents.

The record group arrived in very good order from the Records Center. The documents were arranged in hanging folders organized by either the specific county they relate to or by subject matter. The original arrangement has been preserved with the documents arranged chronologically within each topic folder.

Much of the correspondence in the collection consists of constituent letters forwarded from the Governor's office for a reply. These mainly contain comments or concerns over Tennessee's roads or proposed projects. There is also correspondence to and from potential contractors, federal offices, local business, and interdepartmental correspondence.

The collection contains listings of highway projects then underway or planned for specific counties. There is information on the department's initiatives and projects, but the information does not give a full description of the projects. There is also a schedule of the use of state planes for 1986 by the Governor and various departments.

Record Group 292 would prove useful to someone researching Tennessee Department of Transportation road projects from the mid 1980's. The collection does not provide great detail about the department's projects, but should prove useful to researchers.

BIOGRAPHY

Dale Kelley was born in Carroll County October 19, 1939. He graduated from Bethel College and did post graduate work at Murray State University and UT Martin. After serving four years in the U.S. Air Force, Kelley became a partner in a Huntington, Tennessee real estate and insurance firm. He served three terms in the Tennessee House of Representatives from 1979 to 1985. Kelley also served as Carroll County Property Assessor and on the Huntington City Council and School Board. In February 1985 Governor Alexander appointed him commissioner of the Department of Employment Security. On November 1, 1985 he was appointed commissioner of the Department Transportation. Kelley is also a nationally recognized college basketball official and is supervisor of men's basketball officials at the NCAA Division I level for Conference USA, the Big 12, and the Sunbelt Conferences. Dale Kelley currently serves as mayor of Huntingdon, Tennessee and was appointed to the Tennessee Higher Education Commission for the 8th Congressional District in 1999 to serve until July 1st, 2003.

DEPARTMENT HISTORY

Before 1915 state roads in Tennessee were under local authority. The state's participation mainly consisted of grants to turnpike companies and legislation authorizing local authorities to manage roads. Even prior to becoming a state Tennessee worked to improve roads by raising funds through land sales, lotteries, and taxes paid in labor. In 1801 the legislature appointed the first commissioner for road building. Having state roads under local authority lead to problems in locating roads and coordinating road improvements.

In 1915 the state created the State Highway Department, the first administrative agency for highway construction and maintenance. The act also created the State Highway Commission to formulate a state highway plan. This allowed highway projects and priorities to be decided by a central state body. The State Highway Commission was made of three ex-officio members and three members appointed by the governor. In 1919 the State Highway Commission was changed to a three member salaried commission.

The department was reorganized as the Department of Highways and Public Works in 1923 under the State Reorganization Act. The act required that all state departments be combined under eight department heads who would be appointed by the governor. The act abolished the State Highway Commission transferring the formulation of the state highway plan to the department's commissioner.

In 1972 the Tennessee Department of Transportation was formed. Since then this department has responsibility for all modes of transportation within the state.

CONTAINER LIST

MICROFILM ROLL # 1

County Files

Box 1

1. Anderson County
2. Bedford County
3. Benton County
4. Bledsoe County
5. Blount County
6. Bradley County
7. Campbell County
8. Cannon County
9. Carroll County
10. Carter County
11. Cheatham County
12. Claiborne County
13. Clay County
14. Cocke County
15. Coffee County
16. Crockett County
17. Cumberland County
18. Davidson County
19. Decatur County
20. DeKalb County
21. Dickson County
22. Dyer County
23. Fayette County
24. Fentress County
25. Franklin County
26. Gibson County
27. Giles County
28. Grainger County
29. Greene County
30. Grundy County
31. Hamblen County
32. Hamilton County
33. Hancock County
34. Hardeman County
35. Hardin County
36. Hawkins County
37. Haywood County
38. Henderson County
39. Henry County
40. Hickman County

41. Houston County
42. Humphreys County

Box 2

1. Jackson County
2. Jefferson County
3. Johnson County
4. Knox County
5. Lake County
6. Lauderdale County
7. Lawrence County
8. Lewis County
9. Lincoln County
10. Loudon County
11. McMinn County
12. McNairy County
13. Macon County
14. Madison County
15. Marion County
16. Marshall County

MICROFILM ROLL # 2

17. Maury County
18. Meigs County
19. Monroe County
20. Montgomery County
21. Moore County
22. Morgan County
23. Obion County
24. Overton County
25. Perry County
26. Pickett County
27. Polk County
28. Putnam County
29. Rhea County
30. Roane County
31. Robertson County
32. Rutherford County
33. Scott County
34. Sequatchie County
35. Sevier County
36. Shelby County
37. Smith County
38. Stewart County
39. Sullivan County

40. Sumner County
41. Tipton County
42. Trousdale County

Box 3

1. Unicoi County
2. Union County
3. Van Buren County
4. Warren County
5. Washington County
6. Wayne County
7. Weakley County
8. White County
9. Williamson County
10. Wilson County

Subject Files

Box 4

1. 21 Year Old Drinking Age
2. AASHTO – 1
3. AASHTO – Executive Planning Committee
4. AASHTO – Financial Procedures Committee November 26, 1985
5. AASHTO – Select Committee on Research
6. AASHTO – Standing Committee on Highway Traffic Safety
7. AASHTO – Task Force II on Federal Mandates
8. Affirmative Action
9. Appalachia Regional Commission
10. Attorney General's Office
11. Audits
12. Bicentennial Parkways
13. Bicycle Trails
14. Billboards
15. Brentwood Water Line
16. Bridge Replacement Program
17. Bridges
18. Building Commission
19. Cabinet
20. Cabinet Council on Jobs
21. Carroll County Airport
22. Cars – Commissioner's
23. Cars – State
24. Comptroller's Office
25. Conservation
26. Construction – General

MICROFILM ROLL # 3

27. Contract Letting Schedule
28. Contractors/Consultants
29. Cumberland Gap National Park Tunnel
30. Dept. of Agriculture
31. Design Hearing
32. Disadvantaged Business Enterprise Program
33. Federal Highway Administration
34. Finance and Administration
35. Foothills Parkway
36. Gas Tax
37. Gasohol
38. General Correspondence
39. General Services
40. Governor's Correspondence
41. HB 1800
42. Highway Safety
43. Louise Miller
44. McDonald Scale
45. Metropolitan Airport
46. Monitored Retrievable Storage – MRS

Box 5

1. Natchez Trace Parkway Association
2. National Governor's Association
3. News Releases
4. Pellissippi Parkway
5. Performance Audit
6. Personnel
7. Public Transportation – General
8. Public Transportation – Railroads
9. Public Transportation – Tennessee Aeronautics Commission
10. Quality Circle
11. Rest Areas/Welcome Centers
12. Right-of-Way
13. Rules for Contested Cases
14. Safe Growth – Litter Grants
15. Safety Belt Conference
16. SASHTO
17. Savings Bond Program
18. Scenic Parkways
19. Scheduling of State Planes
20. Signing
21. Tennessee Parkway System
22. Tennessee Tombigbee Waterway
23. Three Cent Gas Tax

- 24. Transportation Research Board Executive Committee
- 25. Transportation Research Board Policy Study Sub-Committee
- 26. Truck Weights Permits
- 27. Wildlife Reflector Systems